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**REMARKS**

The Applicants and the undersigned thank Examiner Chou for his careful review of this application. The Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 15-29 and dependent Claims 4, 9, 30, and 31. The Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 6, and 8 to incorporate the subject matter of dependant Claims 4, 30, and 9 respectively, as will be discussed below.

Claims 15-29 have been allowed. Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-14, 32, and 33 have been rejected and Claims 4, 9, 30, and 31 have been objected to. Claims 4, 7, 9, 30, 32, and 33 are canceled. Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 6, and 8 and have added Claims 34 and 35. Applicants have amended and canceled the above-noted claims without prejudice in order to expedite prosecution of this Application. Applicants reserve the right to submit claims defining the subject matter of the original and canceled claims in a continuation patent application. Upon entry of this amendment, Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 10-29, 31, 34, and 35 are pending in the subject application with Claims 15-29 having been allowed. The independent claims for this application are Claims 1, 6, 8, 15, 20, 22, 27, and 34.

**I. Objection to the Drawings**

The Examiner has objected to the drawings filed with the Application. More specifically, the Examiner states that Figure 1A should contain the legend "Prior Art" based on the fact that only old technology is shown in that figure. The Applicants have amended Figure 1A to include the term "Prior Art" in accordance with the Examiner's statements and provided a replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(d). Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

**II. Objection to the Claims**

The Examiner object to dependent Claims 4, 9, 30, and 31 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner indicated, however, that Claims 4, 9, 30, and 31 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicants have canceled Claims 4, 9, and 30 and incorporated the allowable subject matter into independent Claims 1, 8, and 6 respectively.

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Therefore, the Examiner's objection to Claims 4, 9, 30, and 31 has been rendered moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

### **III. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)**

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-14, 32, and 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,680,904 to Kaplan, et al. The Applicants respectfully offer the following remarks to traverse these pending rejections.

#### **A. Independent Claims 1, 6, and 8**

The rejections of independent Claims 1, 6, and 8 are respectfully traversed. Applicants have amended independent Claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of dependent Claim 4. Applicants have amended independent Claim 6 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of dependent Claim 30. Applicants have amended independent Claim 8 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of dependent Claim 9. The Examiner's rejections of these claims have been rendered moot by these claim amendments. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

#### **B. Dependent Claims 2, 3, 5, 10-14, and 31**

The Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified dependent claims are allowable because the independent claims from which they depend are patentable over the cited references. The Applicants also respectfully submit that the recitations of these dependent claims are of patentable significance. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the pending rejection of Claims 2, 3, 5, 10-14, and 31.

### **IV. Addition of New Claims 34 and 35**

The Applicants have added new independent Claim 34 and dependent Claim 35. Independent Claim 34 is equivalent to original Claim 6, rewritten to include the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner in original Claim 31. Applicants respectfully request that Claims 34 and 35 be passed to allowance. The new claims find clear support in the specification and do not contain new matter.


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**CONCLUSION**

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action mailed on January 7, 2005. The Applicants and the undersigned thank Examiner Chou for his consideration of these amendments and remarks. The Applicants have amended the drawings and the claims and submitted remarks to traverse the rejection of Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 10-14, and 31. The Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Such action is hereby courteously solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there are any issues that can be resolved by a telephone conference, or that there are any informalities that can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at (404) 572-2888 to discuss same is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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